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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER' S REMARKS ON CZECH- US RELATIONS

" RUDE PRAVO" MAY 19 CARRIED LENGTHY ARTICLE BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK ON CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN POLICY, EXPECIALLY TOWARDS WEST. FOLLOWING IS PORTION ON US- CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS: " IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES OF DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AND ON THE BASIS OF FULL MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON- INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WE ARE IN FAVOR OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U. S. JUST LAST YEAR CERTAIN POSITIVE ACTION IN THIS DIRECTOR TOOK PLACE. A TALK WITH U. S. SE - RETARY OF STATE ROGERS AT THE 27 TH SESSION OF UNGA IN NEW YORK, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS INVITED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDICATED THAT THIS POSITIVE TREND COULD DEVELOP FURTHER. THE SUCCESSFUL COURSE OF OUR TALKS ON A CONSULAR AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES HOPE FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. INTEREST IN COOPERATION WITH US WAS ALSO SHOWN DURING TWO VISITS BY GROUPS OF AMERICAN SENATORS. EVEN GREATER INTERESTS HAS BEEN SHOWN BY VARIOUS ECONOMIC CIRCLES IN THE U. S. A. THE PRESUPPOSITION FOR COOPERATION IS THAT WE WILL ONCE AGAIN OBTAIN MFN AND THAT ALL TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION, WHICH ARE AT VARIANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL

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